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MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ACTIVITIES
in the
RYUKYU ISLANDS

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PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

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PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

Communicable Diseases

1. Malaria, trachoma, influenza and pneumonia cases on Okinawa-gunto continued their downward trend, as shown in the charts on the following two pages.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CASES

	<u>Okinawa-gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>Southern Ryukyus</u>	
	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
Malaria	6,039	4,726	6	0	2,289	1,725
Trachoma	3,202	2,893	20	20	263	192
Influenza	1,830	896	0	0	189	168
Amoebic dysentery	71	6	34	24	3	7
Whooping cough	148	177	23	103	6	21
Mumps	196	221	0	0	23	24
Tuberculosis	220	159	28	75	45	50
Measles	3	10	14	75	187	109
German measles	126	130	0	0	0	0
Pneumonia	171	54	7	15	139	119
Filariasis	21	37	7	22	47	50
Diphtheria	23	19	4	2	0	0

Sanitation

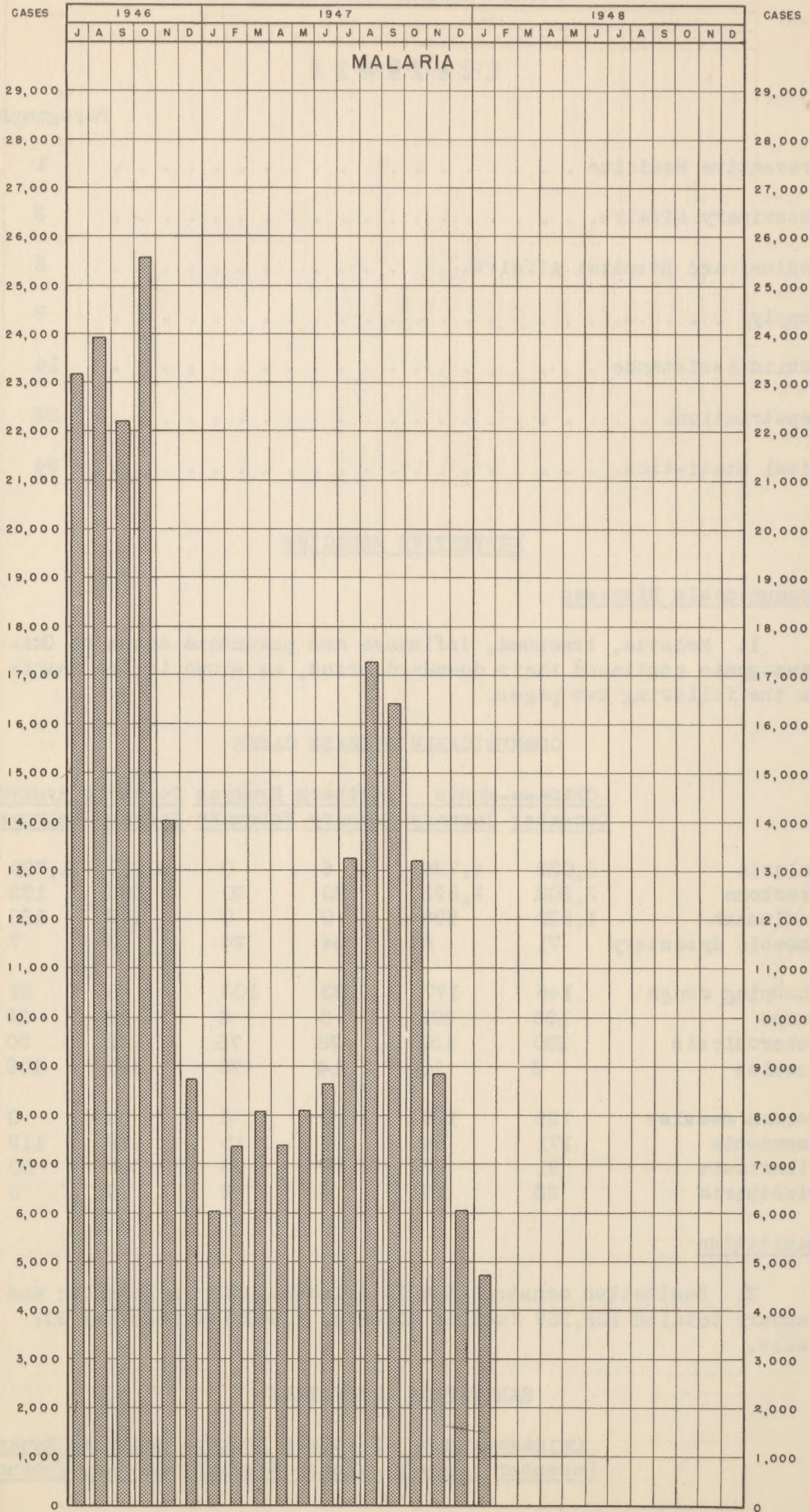
2. Sanitation construction in Okinawa-gunto in December and January totaled 138,359 feet of ditches, 1,940 latrines and 207 wells.

SANITATION ACTIVITIES

	<u>Okinawa-gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>Southern Ryukyus</u>	
	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
Drainage ditches (feet)						
Constructed	61,188	77,171	-	-	6,560	5,090
Serviced	1,791,062	1,864,976	-	-	282,448	65,182

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

OKINAWA-GUNTO · NEW CASES MONTHLY SINCE JULY 1946



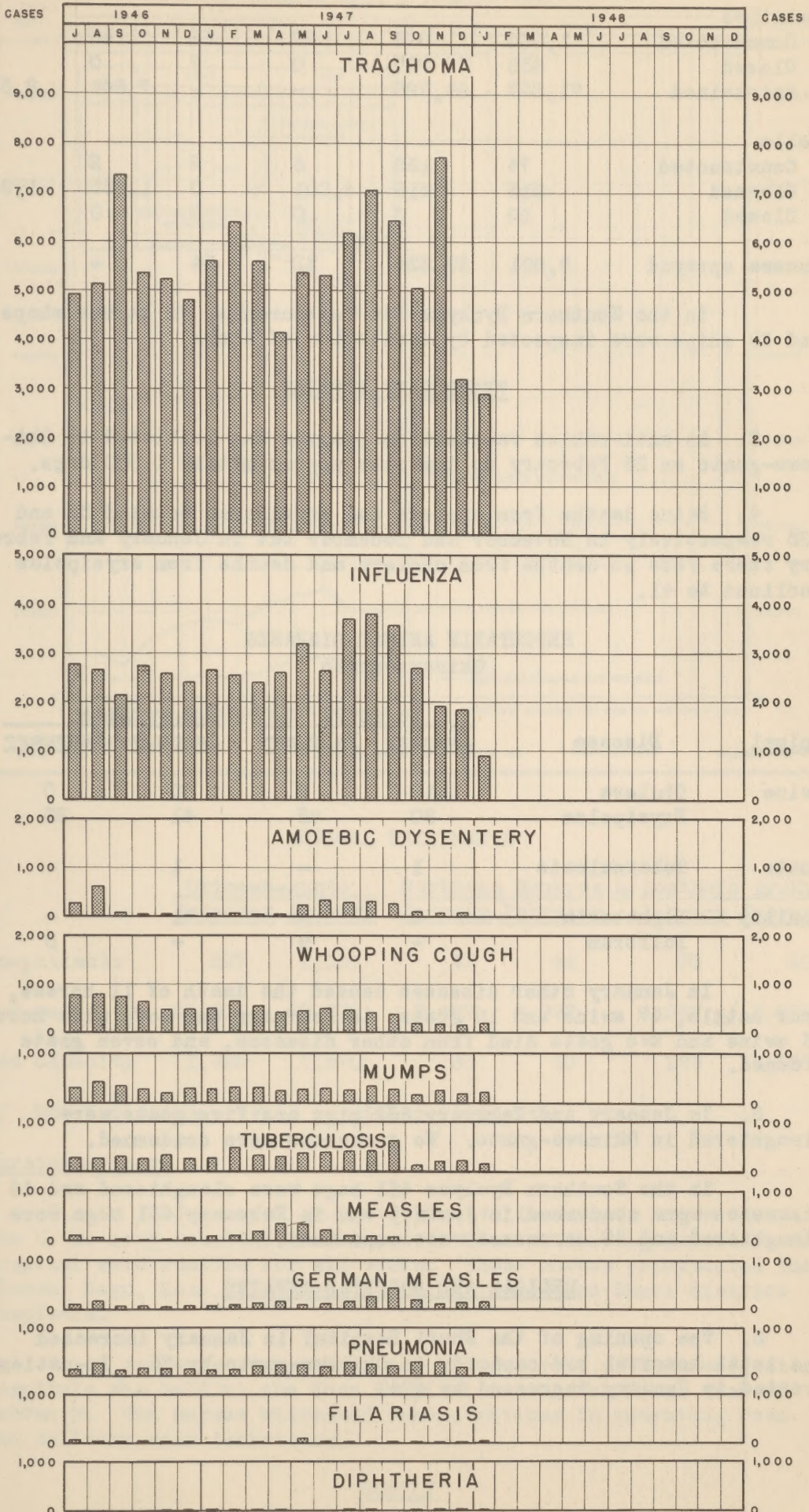
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	<u>Okinawa-gunto</u>	<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>	<u>Southern Ryukyus</u>			
	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
Latrines						
Constructed	1,065	875	77	52	46	21
Closed	456	727	0	7	0	0
Maintained	71,327	69,725	-	-	7,641	8,565
Wells						
Constructed	74	133	6	2	2	7
Cleaned	316	516	8,001	0	1,883	1,902
Closed	22	3	0	0	0	0
Houses sprayed	9,591	39,334	32	24	-	-

In the Southern Ryukyus 144 restaurants, 76 barber shops and 29 ships were inspected by sanitation officers.

VETERINARY AFFAIRS

3. An anti-rabies vaccination program was initiated in Okinawa-gunto on 28 February to immunize approximately 1,000 dogs.

4. Swine deaths from cholera and erysipelas totaled 52 and 135 respectively in November and December but in January and February there were no deaths from cholera and deaths from erysipelas declined to 41.

REPORTABLE ANIMAL DISEASES Okinawa-gunto

<u>Animal</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>Infected</u>		<u>Died</u>	
		<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
Swine	Cholera	10	3	0	0
	Erysipelas	90	45	41	23
Goats	Tuberculosis	1	-	1	-
Poultry	Diphtheria	2	-	1	-
	Pullorum	-	9	-	0

In January other diseases caused the death of 11 horses, four cattle, 47 swine and 10 goats; in February one cow, nine horses, 46 swine and two goats died from other diseases, and seven goats drowned.

5. In January and February 682 pigs and five goats were slaughtered in Okinawa-gunto. No carcasses were condemned.

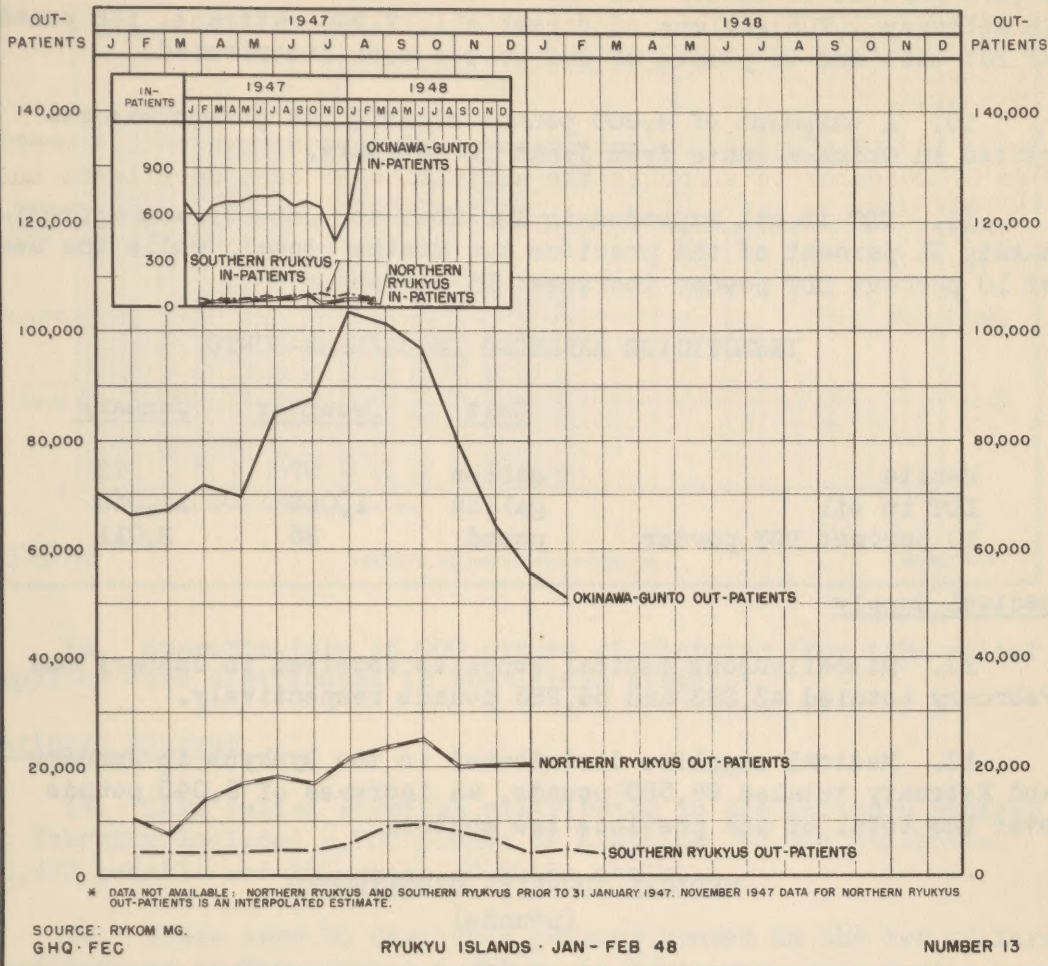
In the Southern Ryukyus 461 hogs were slaughtered and 46 carcasses were condemned in January and in February 461 hogs were slaughtered and 45 carcasses were condemned.

MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL AFFAIRS

6. The opening of the Shuri Hospital in January increased the total hospital bed capacity in Okinawa-gunto by 75. In-patients treated in January increased by 404.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

MONTHLY SINCE 31 DECEMBER 1946*



MEDICAL TREATMENTS

	<u>Okinawa-gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>a/ Southern Ryukyus</u>	
	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
In-patients	597	1,001	43	44	70	60
Out-patients	55,912	50,939	3,492	3,927	4,882 a/	3,859 a/
Bed capacity	1,495	1,570	30	30	129	129

a/ Not including private physicians' reports.

Nursing Affairs

7. On 26 January a group of 10 civilian nurses began work at the U. S. Army hospital on Okinawa to observe nursing procedure and hospital ward routine for six weeks. These nurses represented the Jinuza, Nago, Koza, Ishikawa, Haebaru, Chinen and Shuri district hospitals.

8. A refresher course for all chief nurses of Okinawa-gunto hospitals was held at the Koza Hospital during the first week of February. The nurses witnessed demonstrations in operating room and delivery room techniques.

SUPPLY

Sanitation Supply

9. The Mosquito Control Section of the Okinawa Civilian

Administration continued the distribution of available sanitation supplies to native villages; in January 16,398 pounds of DDT powder, 18,370 gallons of diesel oil and 59 hand dusters were distributed. In February 1,705 gallons of diesel oil, 7,340 rattraps, 136 pounds of rat bait and 41 pounds of rat poison were distributed.

10. A shipment of 4,000 pounds of ANTU rat poison was received in Okinawa-gunto from Japan in February.

11. DDT in oil expended in December and January was approximately 31 percent of the previous two months' total, while the use of 10 percent DDT powder increased 15 percent.

INSECTICIDE EXPENDED IN OKINAWA-GUNTO

	<u>Unit</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>
Penite	gallon	97	73
DDT in oil	gallon	1,063	11,060
10 percent DDT powder	pound	25	2,011

Medical Supply

12. Miscellaneous medical supplies received in January and February totaled 43,393 and 54,265 pounds respectively.

13. Medical supplies distributed in the Ryukyus in January and February totaled 98,565 pounds, an increase of 8,043 pounds over the total of the previous two months.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTED (pounds)

	<u>Okinawa-gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>Southern Ryukyus</u>	
	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
Surgical dressings	47,000	7,000	10	0	3,050	0
Drugs and biologicals	16,555	9,270	90	80	100	160
Equipment	3,102	10,500	824	0	824	0

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

14. Approximately 85 tons of LARA relief supplies were received on Okinawa-gunto in January of which 34.6 tons were clothing, 6.5 were bedding, 8 were shoes, 11.8 were foodstuffs, 1.5 were toys and books, 14.5 were school supplies, 7.5 were Bibles and hymnals and 0.6 was miscellaneous supplies.

Okinawa-gunto

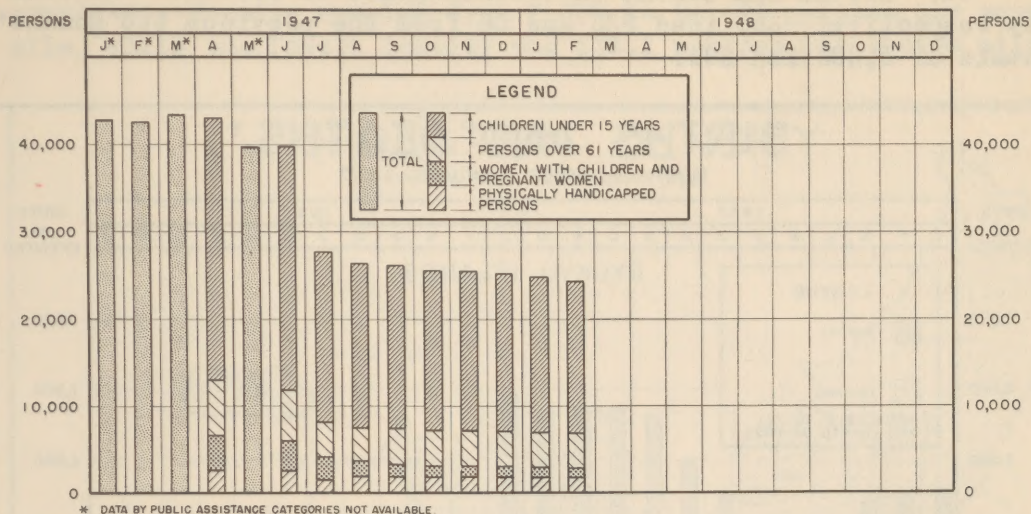
15. Relief cases on Okinawa-gunto in January and February respectively were 431 and 980 below the December figure.

RELIEF CASES Okinawa-gunto

	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
Under 15	17,920	17,440
Over 61	4,040	4,055
Pregnant women	28	26
Invalids	1,081	1,043
Deformed persons	669	653
Women with children	<u>1,082</u>	<u>1,054</u>
Total	24,820	24,271

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS

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16. Approximately 15,000 pieces of clothing from LARA relief supplies were distributed in the Chinen district.

Northern Ryukyus

17. LARA relief supplies distributed in the Northern Ryukyus in February included 9,755 pieces of clothing, 43,224 notebooks, 29,672 pencils and 250 gross of white chalk.

18. There were 28 destitute persons housed in the two welfare institutions in Naze, Amami-o-shima, in February.

Southern Ryukyus

19. In January Miyako contributed to the needy 3,250 pounds of food, 1,414 pieces of clothing and ¥ 19,920; in February ¥ 20,220. Relief contributions in Yaeyama were 4,471 pounds of food, 1,279 pieces of clothing and ¥ 4,690 in January and 1,677 pounds of food and ¥ 5,289 in February.

20. Relief medical services were given to 1,429 persons in the Miyako Charity Hospital in January.

21. Distribution of 3,041 pieces of clothing and 120 bars of soap was made to the needy in the Southern Ryukyus in February.

Resettlement

22. Land released to Okinawans for resettlement and cultivation purposes in January totaled 270.7 acres in January, of which four villages received a total of 183.9 acres for resettlement and one received 86.8 acres for cultivation. In February 4.1 acres were released to people in Naha for resettlement.

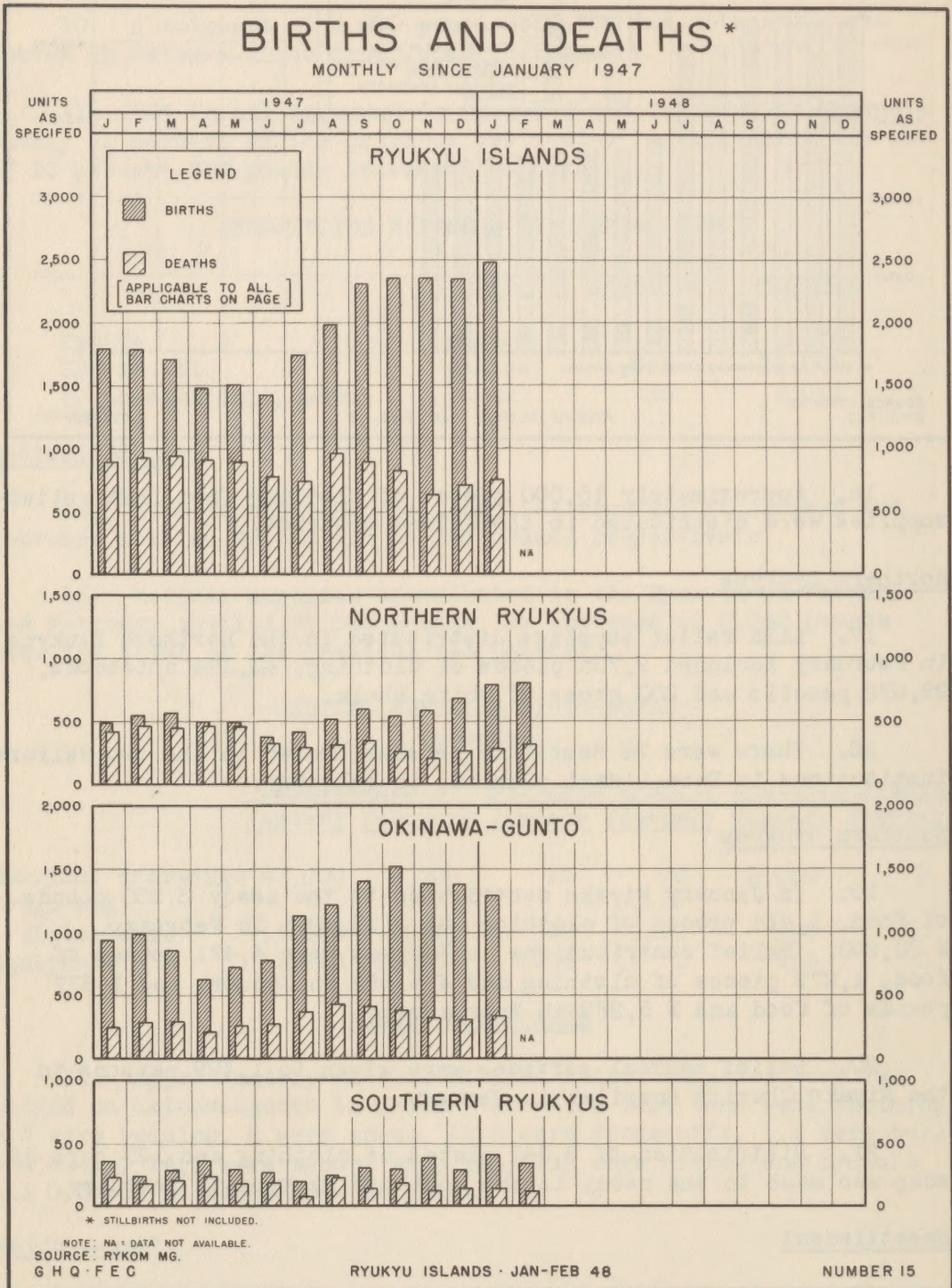
REPATRIATION

23. Ryukyuan repatriates numbered 1,723 during January and February of whom 928 went to Okinawa-gunto, 680 to the Northern Ryukyus and 115 to the Southern Ryukyus. Persons repatriated to Japan totaled 116 during the two months.

In February 151 persons were evacuated from the Southern Ryukyus to Okinawa-gunto.

VITAL STATISTICS

24. Births and deaths in Okinawa-gunto in December and January respectively declined 235 and 56 from the previous two months' totals of 2,895 and 694.

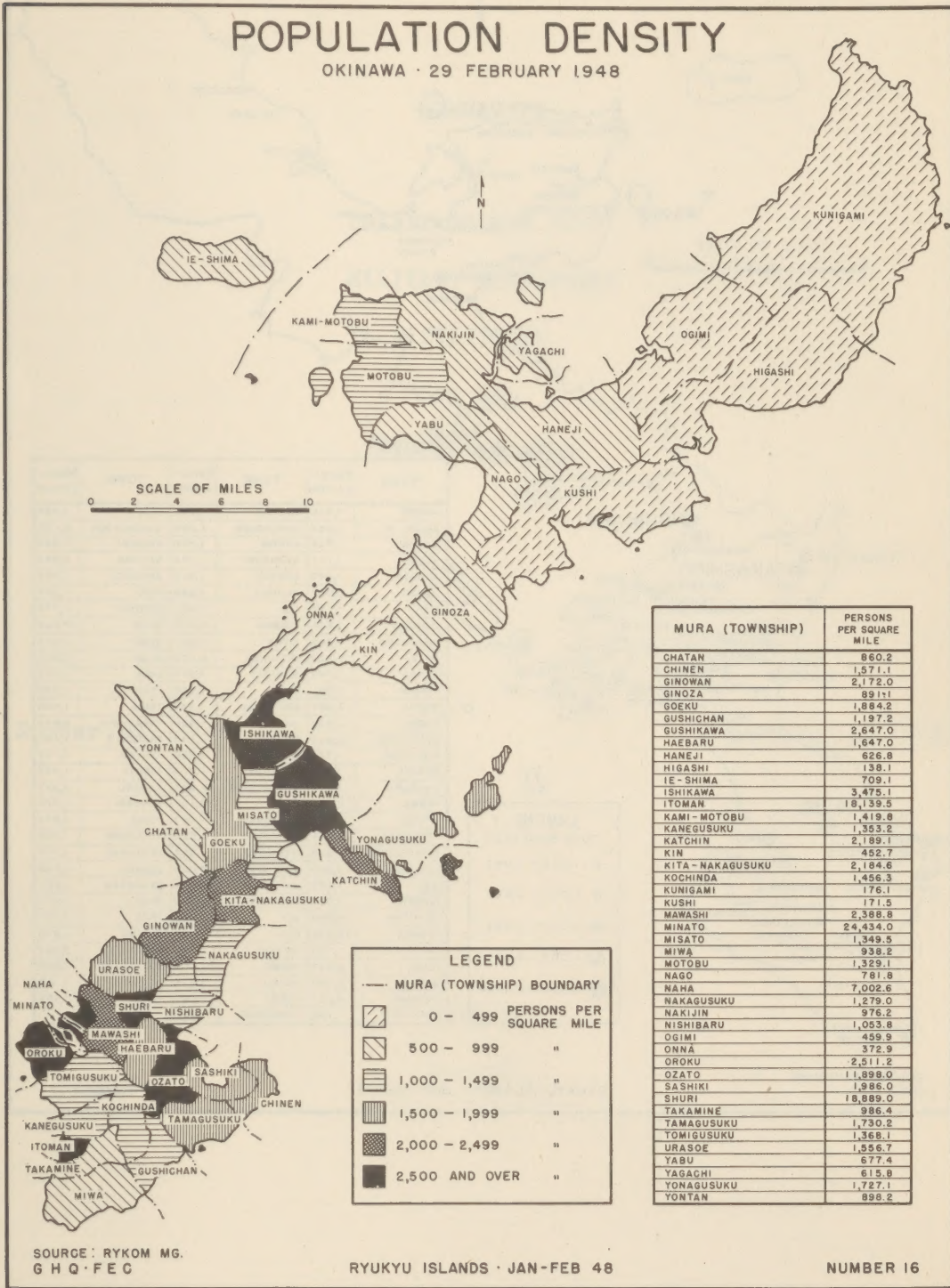


VITAL STATISTICS

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	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>
Births	1,377	1,283	785	801	411	338
Deaths	306	332	274	312	139	115
Stillbirths	7	0	9	19	0	0
Marriages	611	592	285	296	206	327
Divorces	78	73	35	42	11	20

Population

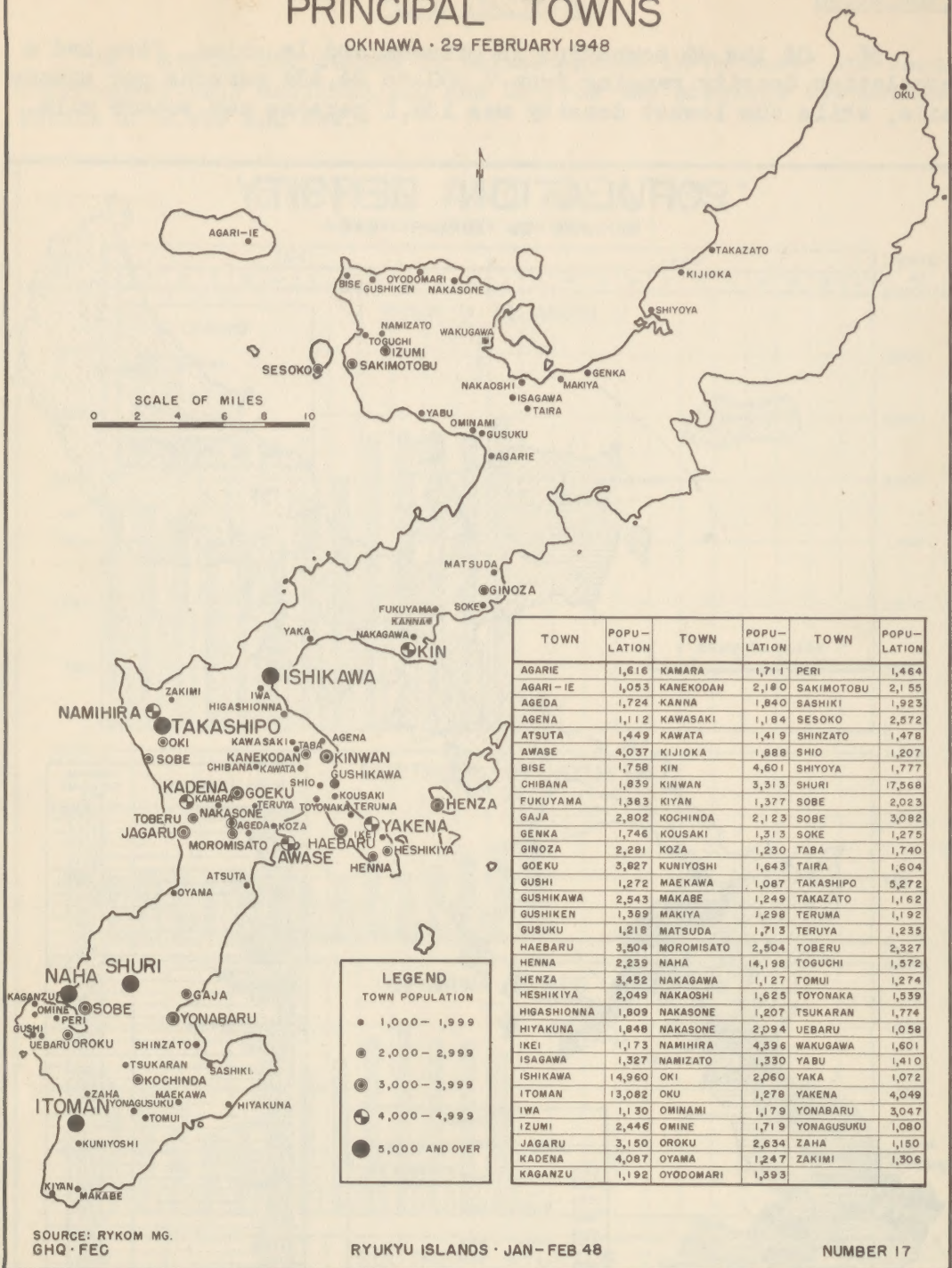
25. Of the 45 townships in Okinawa and Ie-shima, five had a population density ranging from 7,000 to 24,434 persons per square mile, while the lowest density was 138.1 persons per square mile.



26. There were 95 towns and villages in Okinawa and Ie-shima of which four towns had a population ranging from 13,000 to 17,568 and the remainder ranged from 1,053 to 5,272 persons. See chart on following page.

PRINCIPAL TOWNS

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